



55TH COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

“Strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all”

The United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) and the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN) cordially invite you to attend a high-level panel discussion on

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: The Imperative of Inclusive Development

Thursday, 2 February 2017
1:15 – 2:30 PM – Conference Room 9
United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY



Moderator:

Wenyan Yang
Chief, Social Perspective on
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Speakers:

**Marta Roig, Maren Jimenez,
Jonathan Perry**
Lead Authors, 2016 Report on
the World Social Situation
DSPD/UNDESA

Andrew Shepherd
Director, Chronic Poverty
Advisory Network
Overseas Development Institute





Topic: Leaving no one behind: the imperative of inclusive development

FORMAT: THE PRESENTATIONS FROM SPEAKERS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

BACKGROUND:

Virtually everywhere, some individuals and groups confront barriers that prevent them from fully participating in social, economic, political and cultural life. Against a backdrop of high inequalities and social exclusion, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has pledged that no one will be left behind.

Determining who is being left behind and in what ways people are excluded is key to the 2030 Agenda's implementation. But doing so is a challenging endeavour, as social exclusion has many dimensions and the relevance of each dimension varies depending on country context. The Report on the World Social Situation 2016 brings social inclusion into focus. It identifies patterns of social exclusion and considers whether development processes have been inclusive. It looks at processes that threaten social inclusion and suggests policy imperatives to counteract them.

This side event is co-organised by the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the UK's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues. At the event, authors of the Report on the World Social Situation will present its contents, analysis and key policy messages, while the head of the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN) at ODI will elaborate on the policy implications of the report, discussing the extent to which anti-discrimination and affirmative action policies create more inclusive societies.
